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Shot His Wife.

Yesterday afternoon as William Rounds was entering his home at Indian Creek, with a Winchester rifle in his hand, he stumbled and the gun was discharged, the bullet passing through a door and striking his wife in the breast near the right collar bone, passed entirely through her body, severing a large artery and entered the wall beyond. Mrs. Rounds sank from the chair in which she sat with a moan of pain. Her husband, hearing her, ran into the room, and with an effort she said: "Oh, Will, I'm shot!" D. B. Hooker was reading in the room when the accident happened, and a doctor was sent for immediately. Drs. Meacham and Douglas responded but alas, Rounds was dead when they arrived. The would bled freely and death occurred within a few moments.

Mr. Rounds states that he had been at the back of the house watching for muskrats in the creek nearby and had turned to enter the house when he stumbled on the step.

Alice Rounds, deceased, was 31 years of age and is survived by her husband and one sister at Indian Creek, and her father and one brother in the West. She was a pleasant cheerful woman and was always willing to assist her neighbors in sickness or trouble. As her whole life was spent in this vicinity, she has many friends who are deeply shocked by her untimely death.—Eldred Eagle.

Remarkable Occurrence.

Mrs. Alfred Wiltsie of Aroma gave birth to a daughter on Dec. 9, which she insists was born 146 days, or less than four months, after she had given birth to a son. Her story is partially vouched for by Dr. George L. Mosier, a reputable physician, who attended her. Both parents are a few months over 20 years of age.

Dr. Mosier said to the Associated Press to night that he believed the woman's story.

"The child is normal," he said, "and I saw the other child when it is apparently not more than four months old, showing as yet no signs of a tooth. Mrs. Wiltsie told me that no physician attended the other birth, though one was sent for, and her only attendant was a woman with whom she boarded, but whose present address she does not know. Mrs. Wiltsie's mother and family vouch for the truth of her story and share in the surprise occasioned by the phenomenon.

Chautauqua Circle Program.

January 8.—Roll call. Highways and Byways. Studies in the Poetry of Italy, Book II, Chap. V, Mrs. Bisett. Studies in the Poetry of Italy, Book II, Chap. VI, Miss Lois Young. Italian Cities, Chap. VIII, Miss Carrie Day.

Jan. 15—Roll call. Reports of Raphael's Paintings. Italian Cities, Chap. IX, Miss Mabel Day. Italian Cities, Chap. X, Miss Robin. Select Reading, Mrs. Brownell.

Jan. 22—Roll Call. Items of Interest Regarding China. Studies in the Poetry of Italy, Book II, Chap. VII, Mrs. Richmond. Italian Cities, Chap. XI, Miss Jennie Biever. Select Reading, Miss Nellie Musser.

Jan. 29—Roll Call. Current Events. China, the Sphinx of Our Twentieth Century, Mrs. Brownell. Across Chili from the Sea to Peking, Miss Musser. The New World, Mrs. Musser. Select Reading, Miss Jennie Biever.

"A Royal Slave."

There is a characteristic Spanish dance done by the dainty dancing girl in "A Royal Slave," which comes to the Lyceum Wednesday, Jan. 3, which will cause a sensation. Impetuous, graceful, full of the fire and spirit of the role which she plays, the dancer abandons herself to the rhythmic movements and sensuous appeal of the music. Often she concludes her dance with a kick so violent that her dainty slipper is hurled clear across the theatre. Despite the fact that she has a dainty small foot, the slipper can readily be seen and there is always a scramble among the boys to obtain it, a sight, not on the regular program, but highly amusing, nevertheless.

A Good Play.

"Our New Minister," the rural comedy drama, presented at the Smethport Lyceum Tuesday evening, was greeted by a large and well pleased audience. The clever play is by Denman Thompson and George W. Ryer, authors of "The Old Homestead," and is as full of heart interest as their famous old play, besides having the advantage of being real comedy.

Each character was unusually well taken, bringing out rural life as it really is without over-acting it to the point which makes it ridiculous to most people, and it is safe to say that "Our New Minister" is the best rural play on the road.

These cold nights are just the time your horse needs a stable blanket. Ask your horse then see Holmes & Gilfillan about it.

Call and examine my stock of horse blankets, robes, etc. The prices are low and stock the best. C. LEMMLER.

ANCIENT HISTORY.

Happening in McKean County in Days of Old. Taken from the Files.

From the Burlington, Iowa, Hawkeye, March 10, 1881: After reading the particulars of the murder of Charles B. Gillis at Mount Pleasant Wednesday evening, and all will arrive at but one conclusion, that it was not only premeditated and cowardly, but one of the most dastardly and cold blooded murders ever committed in Iowa, and no time should be lost in discovering the assassin. Even a Sioux Indian or a Mollie Maguire would not be guilty of such a crime; unprovoked as it must have been. Below is a communication giving full particulars of the sad affair and all new developments up to last evening, sent by a special correspondent of the Hawkeye:

The murder of Chas. Gillis last night, an account of which appeared in the Hawkeye this morning, has thrown our city into the intensest excitement. Several theories and many wild rumors are afloat, but no one can tell anything positively. One theory accounts for the deed on the ground of some old grudge held by some old enemy; another, that it was committed by some tramp crazed by cold and exposure, whom Mr. Gillis had shut at the door; another that the assassin had mistaken the house and man, but that has little foundation, for the murderer had full opportunity to be certain of his man through the brightly lighted windows of the room in which Mr. Gillis and his father were sitting. The only creditable clue is given in the fact that a stranger asked Mr. Thomas Carmichael on the street to direct him to Charles Gillis' house. Mr. Carmichael did so, and the stranger started in the direction of Mr. Gillis' home, being then on the same street. That was about 4 p. m. No stranger called at Mr. Gillis' until about 8 o'clock that evening, when, as the Hawkeye stated, he was called to the door in answer to a rap and was shot. A man answering to the description given by Mr. Carmichael was seen by one or two others, and as the Brazelton house bus was going to the depot the same man, very much out of breath from running, jumped on the bus near Mr. Spahr's residence and rode to the depot, there taking a train out, but no one can tell positively which train.

A thousand dollars reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderer is offered by the city councils and board of supervisors.

The circumstances of the case are as follows: The family consisted of Mr. Gillis and his wife and father, Judge James A. Gillis, and a servant girl. Mr. Gillis was sitting in his father's room, a pleasant room on the south side or front of the house, the window blinds of which were wide open, and the room brightly lighted; the girl was in the back part of the house and Mrs. Gillis had gone up street on an errand for her father, who had been confined to the house all winter by illness. About eight o'clock a low rap was given at the front door. Mr. Gillis stepped into the hall and opened the door. The Judge heard a few words of conversation, then a cry of help from his son, and a slight scuffle, followed by the report of a pistol. He hurried to the hall, but the assassin had fled and his son was lying prostrate on the floor of the hall. One groan was the only answer given the father. Going to the front door, which the assassin had closed, the Judge raised the cry of "Murder!" which Mrs. Gillis heard as she was returning from her errand. Supposing her husband had left the room for a few moments, during which a paroxysm of pain had come upon her father (to which he is subject) she answered by saying, "Never mind, father, I'll be there in a moment." What was her horror to find the dead body of her husband in the hall. It was indeed murder—murder of all the best and sweetest part of her life. The hand of the murderer struck her heart through her husband, leaving a pain far less merciful than death. The ball, which was a large one, evidently fired from a heavy navy revolver, passed through the heart and lodged against the shoulder blade. The clothing was not singed in particle.

Mr. Gillis has lived here for sixteen or seventeen years, and has always been esteemed by his neighbors as a quiet, peaceable man, with perhaps, as few enemies as any man in the county. Living a quiet, unostentatious life, he still managed to make himself highly prized by his neighbors for his kindness of heart and rare manly qualities. Thus it happens that those who know him best are most at a loss to account for the motive of the deed.

The house where Mr. Gillis lives seems devoted to tragedy; a number of years ago Ridgeway, a brother to Chas., shot himself or was shot in the barn and an Indian girl, whom the family had raised, killed herself by taking poison.

Now is the time to get a blanket for your horse. Lemmler has a large assortment.

"Cork Carpet" for your office or den; or for your kitchen, ask at Lindholm's.

New Year's Day In Gay Paree

In Latin lands that New Year's day—le Jour de l'An—receives its most particular observance. Christmas may be a season been the great feast day of the Anglo Saxon, Christmas has its turkey and plum pudding and all the rest of it that goes with Yule, but Christmas that is the home day par excellence. The home where [illegible] and children [illegible] on New Year's day.

As for the city itself, it is the day of days. [illegible] New Year's day [illegible] Paris. [illegible] the grand chevalier [illegible] and there she [illegible] for the whole day. [illegible] but in the [illegible] there are [illegible] warmth and color.

Calling is the great distinctive feature of the day. Everybody formally makes calls and receives calls. They run out to leave their cards on somebody and dash back to receive the visit of somebody else.

The president of the French republic and the military governor of Paris receive in great and gorgeous state. The [illegible] functions are formal, ceremonious affairs and make a sight to see. Outside the Elysee and the Invalides the parisian Parisians crowd by the thousands to await the advent of the generals in their uniforms, the diplomats in their regalia, the decorated ones who sport the ribbons and the ribbon of their orders, the extraordinary municipal council of Paris in their full dress, the senate, the deputies and so on, and all the functionaries of the army and civil bedlam.

While this takes place all the official world beneath is even more laboriously occupied. You cannot look out the window in Paris without seeing a government functionary of his wife. The civil service is systematized so minutely that five clerks do the work of one. One waiter in every ten is a government

EVERYBODY CALLS ON EVERYBODY.

clerk, and every clerk stands ranged in his own rank, with his superiors, inferiors and equals well marked out, his tenure sure, his duties fixed.

On New Year's day every immediate inferior must call upon his immediate superior. That is after hurrying to call upon your own chief, you must hurry back to receive the call of your assistant. The business houses managers, head bookkeepers, confidential clerks, and so on, leave their first cards on the members of the firm. Then they scatter cards upon each other like a snowfall.

Where everybody calls on everybody everybody cannot call on the same day. Visits of simple politeness, therefore, begin on the 2d of January and last through the month. Now, as every one detests the drudgery of it, the leaving of one's card in person first came to be looked upon as an acceptable substitute for a real visit. In the hurry it will not be noticed if you send your clerk or valet out distributing. For such cards as may be sent by mail the procedure has become a system.

At the postoffice a special service for the handling of these cards is organized made up of women hired from the middle of December. In the sixth story, underneath the roof of the central Paris postoffice building, a great hall runs its length. Here 200 women sit at counters, classifying the little envelopes all day long. The cards begin to come as early as Dec. 10, and they continue passing through the post as late as Jan. 10.

By that date thousand cards will have been handled for the capital alone. Some people hire clerks to post their acquaintances' books during the month that the cards are flying. Others have their poor relations come and do the work for them.—Montreal Star.

Cutters and Sleighs for Sale.

I have a full carload of Michigan sleighs of different sizes for lumbering purposes, and a nice line of cutters and sleighs. All are now and of the latest designs. Prices are reasonable.

E. T. DALY,
Smethport, Pa.

Go to J. C. Hamlin's for hand sleds and skates.

A New Year Toast "Here's Hopin'!"

YEAR ain't been the very best—
Party hard t' y t, double pressed;
But like rough way leads to rest—
Here's hopin'!

Maybe crops waz short; the cells
Couldn't turn the silent mills;
But the light's behind the hills—
Here's hopin'!

Where we plant the roses sweet
Thorns come up and prick the feet;
But the old world's hard to beat—
Here's hopin'!

HERE'S HOPIN'!

P'raps the buildin' that we planned
'Gainst the cyclone couldn't stand;
But, thank God, we've got the land—
Here's hopin'!

Maybe flowers we hoped to save
Have been scattered on a grave;
But the heart's still beatin' brave—
Here's hopin'!

That we'll see the mornin' light;
That the very darkest night
Can't hide heaven from our sight—
Here's hopin'!

—Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

The American New Year's Abroad.

While New Year's day means a great deal to Americans in their own country, it can hardly carry with it the patriotic glow of feeling that the American sojourner in all civilized countries abroad experiences on the 1st day of January, when he holds it his bounden duty to make a formal call at the house of America's official representative in the city where he resides. The occasion in London and Paris is more brilliant than in other foreign cities, for the reason that there are more of our countrymen in those two capitals. In the American colonies abroad you find all the Americans who have married foreigners calling at the ambassador's or consul's to pay their respects—even those who have forgotten how to talk United States or have lost their keen appreciation of the American humor which their more recently arrived compatriots are disseminating through the drawing rooms.—Washington Post.

The Secret of Happiness.

The man who begins on Jan. 1 to seek his own happiness is in a fair way to miss it altogether. Happiness is an elusive sprite. The more she is pursued the swifter she flies. There is doubtless for those who make pleasure their business a sort of gratification in their diversions, though it can scarcely be called happiness. Happiness is not the chief object of our existence. As Beecher once put it, "Man was not made to be everlastingly fiddled on by the fingers of joy." Charfeter is the end of life. Happiness is incidental. Let a man look out for the ordering of his affairs with reference to other lives, seeking to make them happy, and he will find himself wearing the garland.—Rev. Frank H. Tyrrell.

The Deacon's New Year's Discourse.

"This is the time of year," said Deacon Blimber, "that lots o' folks wait for, so they kin turn over a new leaf. Maybe they need to, but enough, but what's the use? Them folks that's always turnin' over a new leaf at this time o' year mowt just as well not do it, 'cause, so far as I ever knowed, they ain't none of 'em but what starts in right away on the new leaf same's they did on the old un. Them that wants to turn over a new leaf an' keep it clean don't wait for New Year's to come afore they do it."

A Familiar Superstition.

The familiar superstition that whatever you do on New Year's day you will do throughout the year is of ancient origin. The Roman workmen never failed to work a little on New Year's day, so that patronage would not be wanting throughout the year.

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NEW YEAR'S IN ARCTIC.

A Merry Day With the Icebound New England Whalers.

They are making New Year's calls in the arctic, says the Boston Globe. "They" are the American women, wives of whaling captains, who spend three years out of every four in that region where the perpetual blizzard is in session and where they rise superior to months and days and weeks.

You can imagine how welcome people are who are so scarce as in the friendly little door near Point Barrow. When your only have three or four women neighbors and are not going to be snippy and never ashamed and refuse to make the time honored greeting that used to prevail in this enlightened land. Instead you dress up to do your best (fur dress suit and sealskin hood, and go and pay your respects to those ladies. And the respects will not be stinted. The surroundings are, for the spirit of hospitality can overlook a great deal in the matter of climate and primeval beach shelter.

When the 1st of January dawns, with the first peep of the north pole day the men jump into their gunny-sack like garments and begin work. The ships are frozen into the ice floes, and the snow must be swept away from ship to ship to form a path. The men have a feverish anxiety to see the day pass without a jar or jerk in the festivities, and they labor with great enthusiasm to convert this lonely land into a smiling skin to a holiday "in Cowes."

The women, meanwhile, have been making their preparations for the occasion. The plum pudding has to be steamed and the crackers and nuts put into dishes that will tempt the bashful whalers, and there is a general air of mysterious connection that delights and confounds the hungry men who admiringly survey the scene. They fetch and carry with eagerness dishes and condiments and what not, and before you could say Jack Robinson there is a table set and an array of toastmasters alongside of it, and "The ladies, God bless 'em!" become sort of brown chief angels with sealskin halos and a corner on popularity.

At about 11 a. m. the real day begins, and then there are such a talking and such a feasting and such a playing there as never were. When a sailor goes calling in the cold, cold land of six months of winter he is not looking for a feast and consequently doesn't get it. And the dinner—gorgeous array that it is—one vast table in the inner cabin and one vast allhount of temptations in the way of food and drink! They all sit down to the china pot, and the sandwiches, and the bits of cranberry, and the ladles of walrus rump, and the beef stew, and the bean soup, and there is a lively time.

Dried fruits and spiced pickles and many cakes fly about, and there is as much jollity as you would expect from a blackberry juice toddy innocent of Kentucky rye. And then, after the dinner is over, there is a session of reminiscence and ease and handmade cigars, and the ladies do fancy work on the patterns of three years ago and chat with the men about anything but "shop." Whales may come and whales may go in the meantime, but the chatter goes on forever, or so the men wish it would as they lounge in the lighted cabin and tell stories of home and think of the women who await them there, and then work, and later tell stories and resolve to send it back with over the floral mat back into the room. If the shipmaster on the sole, de De pointing toward the door in such a gallantry, she takes it as an omen that before the new year dies she shall have walked out of her parental home and entered another house as its mistress and as a bride.

The Wassail Bowl.

The picturesque old "wassail bowl," a relic of the Saxon days, from which each man drank spiced ale with a "Wass hail!" or "Here's your health," to his neighbor, was always a feature in the old time celebration of the closing night of the year. Hence grew the custom among the poor of "going a-wassailing," or carrying a ribbon decked bowl from door to door and asking alms that would enable its bearers to enjoy a libation similar to that of their richer neighbors.

New Year's Rites in Finland.

Many of the New Year's eve rites and ceremonies are similar to those practiced on Hallowe'en. In Finland, for instance, the girls and boys go out backward to the wood pile and from the size and shape of the piece of wood they pick up determine the stature of their sweethearts.

His New Year Alternative.

"Is Grassler going to swear off on New Year's?"

"No. He's going to marry a snake charmer instead."

For Sale.

The Smethport Steam Laundry is for sale. Good reasons for selling. Enquire of T. H. Purtle, Smethport, Pa.

New guns and Winchester ammunition at Holmes & Gilfillan's.

COLUMBIA'S COURT.

The President's New Year Reception at the White House.

Washington is never more spectacularly interesting than on the one day in the year that Columbia holds her court.

Every New Year's morning, bright and early, all the women belonging to the class that Lincoln used to call "the common people" swarm in hitherness to the White House gates. Everybody desires to catch a glimpse of the crowned heads of the world's nations on their way to pay their respects to the President of the United States, or, as the crowd hails him, to see the show go by. It is invariably a good natured crowd; all classes, judges and lackeys, join in it.

When the various military escorts come to a halt on the street before the gates, the bands strike up, the crowd cheers. The capital police come in for a fair share of applause, and the always present wit who breaks out into something clever is rewarded with a spontaneous gush of infectious laughter that only a really crowd can achieve.

Finally a warning whirls up and causes a rustle of expectancy. The diplomats have begun to arrive. It takes only an instant for each equipage to flash through the gateway, but the crowd will have caught a burst of bright colors, gold embroideries and gay plumes, and after this fleeting show of miscellaneous gorgeousness is over will resolve itself into "the public" and join the square long procession of citizens in the often disappointed hope of shaking hands with the president later in the day.

Before 2 o'clock thousands of men in every station of life will have had a handshake with the president. The ribbon, lineage or solidity will have died in the distance, the White House grounds will be deserted, and Columbia's court will be closed.—New York Tribune.

THE KILTIES' NEW YEAR.

A Picturesque Custom of King Edward's Highlanders.

A quaint New Year's custom is that observed by the highland regiments in the British army.

At five minutes before 12 on New Year's eve, the regimental band, preceded by Father Time, the oldest soldier in the ranks, in costume, with hourglass and scythe, plays on the square and out of the barracks gates the stirring "auld lang syne," thus bidding farewell to the old year. At the hour of midnight a knock is heard at the barrack gates, and "Who comes there?" is challenged, to be followed by answer, "The glad New Year."

"A guid New Year. All is well," is the reply. The gates are then thrown open, and the New Year, represented by the youngest drummer boy in the regiment, in highland costume and preceded by the piper of the band, makes a tour of the quarters, ending with the officers' barracks, where a great feast is spread.—London Globe.

At Frankfort-on-the-Main.

An old German custom is always observed on New Year's eve at Frankfort-on-the-Main. It is a very pretty way of celebrating and means a large family gathering. All the members of a household join together and make merry. Punch, champagne, cakes and candles are served during the evening. Everyone contributes all he can to the fun, and as the entertainment is most delightful. When the clocks of the town begin to strike 12 all the windows in the whole city are thrown open and the people wish each other a happy New Year, and one another and

[illegible] of the hour has passed [illegible] windows are all [illegible] Strasburg Pfennig Magazine.

Philadelphia's New Year's Celebration.

With New Orleans has her Mardi Gras and St. Louis the feast of the Pumpkin, which are but two other specimens of [illegible] Philadelphia, in the heart of which [illegible] snow and ice, when [illegible] things [illegible] would seem more in keeping, defies the cold and welcomes the New Year with a glittering, [illegible] street parade of fantastically garbed [illegible] a parade that [illegible] and lasts for [illegible] hours, is [illegible] two or five miles long, is full of life and color. This New Year's parade is entirely a Philadelphia fete, its origin and history in the dim and musty past; but unlike many old customs, instead of dying out it is constantly growing in popularity.—Philadelphia Press.

New Year's Calls in Olden Days.

An American New Year's celebration fifty years or even a few decades ago was a much more enthusiastic affair than it is today. The great feature of the day was the "calling," then a well nigh universal feature in both city and country. Neighbors and friends made it a custom to break the ice of a year's isolation by crossing each other's threshold. Every one's sideboard was prepared with wine and the lighter edibles, and those who did considerable calling usually felt like rising late on the following day. Nowadays the calling is principally left to the young people and is not made a feature at all of the higher grades of social life in the larger cities.—New York Post.

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THE MINER wishes you all a most Happy New Year.

WITH this issue the MINER rounds out its forty-third year of existence and we wish to thank our subscribers and other friends for their liberal patronage and other favors shown us. This issue of the MINER is not up to the usual standard because it is customary to give the force as much freedom as possible at this gladsome time. Next week the MINER starts on its forty-fourth year and if it is within our power we will make it better and more interesting than ever before.

ISHMALIA TEMPLE, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Buffalo will to-day distribute among the deserving poor of that city 1,000 baskets of provisions, sufficient to provide a fine Christmas dinner for each of the families receiving the donations. The Shriners explain that this is done first, for charity's sake, and second, because it is their desire to make known the fact that the Shriners are not wholly and solely devoted to the pursuit of pleasure and amusement in their affairs. Other fraternities would do well to imitate them in this respect.—Monday's Bradford Era.

Washington Letter.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON D. C., Dec. 23, 1905

Rumor again has it that the Department of Commerce and Labor is going after the Standard Oil Company. It has been understood for some time that Mr. Garfield, the Commissioner of Corporations, was engaged in an inquiry that would ultimately land the Standard as a defendant in an action for rebates, unjust discrimination and a combination in restraint of trade. This talk has been revived by a visit to Washington, of J. D. Keating, United States District Attorney for Indiana, who spent two days at the Department of Justice and had several meetings with Mr. Garfield. There have been several other district attorneys from the middle west in Washington recently, and it is said that all these visits have a bearing on the prosecutions that will shortly be inaugurated. The Interstate Commerce Commission has been after the Standard recently on the subject of discrimination in favor of Standard Oil. It must be understood that nearly all of the oil drilled and refined in the north is the product of the Standard, while the southern oil is largely from independent refineries. For some time past the rate on northern oil going south has been about half that on southern oil coming north. The Interstate Commerce Commission ordered this discrimination stopped. But there are other matters of tank cars and money rebates which it is understood have been closely investigated by the Commissioner of Corporations and it is on these that the prospective actions are said to be based. The Bureau of Corporations naturally will not say anything on the subject in advance. But it is believed that the cases are already practically made out and will be announced some time after the Christmas holidays.

The Bureau of Commerce of the Agricultural Department has discovered a new dodge of the foreign houses importing fowl stuffs into this country to evade the law. The Bureau has been able to control foreign adulterated foods better than those of home manufacture as it had a chance at the original packages at the port of entry, whereas there is as yet no federal pure food law under which it can operate. One of the favorite practices of the French exporters was to send scraps and stalks of mushrooms to this country as "best French mushrooms." The Department of Agriculture forced the importers to label them in large letters as "pieces and stems" under the penalty for false branding. But recently the French canneries have taken to sending the scraps without brand or label of any sort and as they were not branded, they could not be said to have evaded the law. The labels of course were pasted on after they arrived and there was no action possible except in such states as have pure-food laws. Dr. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, thinks however that he will be able to catch the shippers under their customs declaration and force them to declare the contents of the cans in plain language.

The long expected appointment of a minister to Norway has been announced and as forecasted in these letters some time ago, it is Mr. Herbert Pierce, the present Third Assistant Secretary of State. There are a number of other diplomatic changes and appointments. Lloyd C. Griscom is to go as Ambassador to Brazil, and contrary to general expectation, the late Brazilian Ambassador, David Thompson, will be appointed Ambassador to Mexico, a post that he has long coveted. This will leave a vacancy at Tokyo for which no appointee has yet been announced. There has been some talk of ex-Acting Secretary of State Loomis lauding the job, but he has said publicly that he did not want it, and it has been intimated in semi-official quarters that he would not get it if he did.

With the approach of the Christmas season, it is in order to announce that the practice of distributing turkeys to the married members of the White House force which was inaugurated under President McKinley will be continued. Steward Pinckney has already contracted for seventy birds of about ten pounds each. These will be distributed to the house servants, the door keepers and the policemen detailed for duty in the grounds. Some of the servants will also be remembered with gold pieces but this is a mark of distinction which is not for the rank and file.

It is understood that Congress also will remember the President in a way, soon after Christmas. Since the order of the railroads cutting off passes, which by the way only applies to people who do not know how to work the roads, there has been considerable criticism of the fact that the President has to pay all his own travelling expenses except on occasions when he accepts transportation from some road, which he does not often do. Of course all the roads are very glad to place the best of their equipment at his disposal whenever he will use it. But on the occasion of his Colorado bear hunt, he paid all of his own travelling expenses, though there have been runs up to Oyster Bay when he did accept transportation. Now Congress proposes to place him beyond the necessity of either paying his own fare or accepting courtesies from the roads by making an annual appropriation to cover the President's travelling expenses. This provision will be added to one of the appropriation bills and will be made ample to cover all contingencies.

Pennsylvania Railroad Tours.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged the following series of attractive, Personally Conducted Tours for the season of 1905 and 1906:—

California.—Leave New York January 25. A thirty-day tour by special Pullman train, covering interesting points in the West. Round trip rate, covering all expenses, $375 from all points east of Pittsburg.

Grand Canyon of Arizona.—Leave New York March 1. A thirty-one-day tour by special Pullman train, covering not only the Grand Canyon but the resorts of California. Round-trip rate, covering all expenses, $385 from all points east of Pittsburg.

Florida. Leave New York February 6 and 20, and March 6. Two weeks to three months in the Sunny Peninsula. Round trip rate, $50 from New York, $48 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from all other points.

Detailed itineraries are now in course of preparation. For further information, address Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hamlin Bank & Trust Co. for the election of five directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, 100 Main street, Smethport, Pa., on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 1906, at 2 o'clock p. m.

R. E. BURDICK, Sec'y.
Smethport, Pa., Dec. 20, 1905.

Notice to Advertisers.

All advertisers should remember that changes of advertisements must reach this office not later than 1 p. m. on Tuesday in order to appear in the following issue of the MINER. We must strictly enforce this rule so it would be well to paste this where the "ad man" can see it.

Accounts Must be Settled.

On account of our dissolution of partnership, all persons indebted to us are requested to call and settle their accounts before January 1st. Accounts not settled by that time collection will be enforced.

GREEN BROTHERS,
Smethport, Pa.

L. K. Hogarth

PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES.

Pure Drugs and Medicines

L. K. Hogarth,
Leading Druggist.
Opp. Court House, SMETHPORT.

DENTISTRY.

Modern, scientific and up-to-date. Painless extraction of teeth. Over 25 years' experience. Satisfaction guaranteed.

DR. F. C. PIERCE,
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For the most beautiful HAVILAND and JAPANESE CHINA
RICH CUT GLASS
English and American DECORATED DINNER SETS
Fine Table Glassware
Bissell's Carpet Sweeper
Sleds and Skates.
STEEL DOLL CARRIAGES, GO-CARTS, Etc.,
go to

JOHN C. HAMLIN

COFFEE

Gilt Edge, Castle and Emperor and Puritan Palmer House, 35c
20c
Penns Cafe, Sensation and Canister, 30c
Black Coffee 10, 20, 22, & 35 cents

We Can Please You. Give Us a Trial.

A. E. FOSTER & CO

STOP! READ and REFLECT
And then go to
BROWNELL BROTHERS
You will find a carefully and well selected stock of
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, FURNISHING GOODS, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS and SHOES
A CHOICE LINE OF THE
GROCERIES
ALWAYS ON HAND
ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES

RAILROAD WATCHES

We make a specialty of railroad watches. He uses a special movement containing 21 jewels, one that runs with wonderful accuracy and is built to stand the wear and tear, smash and slam of the railroad business.

KERR
Main St. - Smethport

Examine it Carefully

you can't help but see the defects. We will put in entire new plumbing or repair the old.

Newest Sanitary Plumbing

like we'd put in might be cheapest in the end. It certainly would insure the health of the family. Either way. When it comes to plumbing our work and material is recognized as the best.

EDGAR W. STRONG,
BOTH 'PHONES. RUBIN BLOCK. Smethport.

COLD, WET WEATHER

Will soon be here and you will want footwear that will do good service. We keep in stock a complete line of well known makes and our prices are reasonable. For the best in

FOOTWEAR

this is the place. Call and see our line.

Anderson & Carlson,
Smethport, Pa.
Repairing a Specialty.

Hamlin Bank & Trust Co.
SMETHPORT, PENNA.

CAPITAL - - - $200,000.00
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS - - $80,000.00

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under mortgage, Registrar and Transfer Agent of Stocks and Bonds or Corporations.

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Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures Scalp Diseases & Hair Falling. 50c. and $1.00 at Druggists

A Happy New Year

The past year has brought to our store many new faces and we trust that none have gone away dissatisfied. During the coming year, as in the past, we shall strive to please our patrons by giving them the very best of Clothing at the lowest possible prices, and money back if wanted. We wish our friends one and all a

Very Happy New Year

H. W. RUBIN, SMETHPORT, PENNA.
The Old Reliable Clothier, Furnisher and Merchant Tailor.

Call and look over our stock of
Christmas Goods

Toys of all kinds for the Children.
GAMES DOLLS IRON TOYS
DRUMS DISHES Etc. . . .

Do not forget to ask for a LADIES HOME JOURNAL STYLE BOOK. Patterns represented in this book always in stock or furnished at short notice.

Our line of dry goods is always complete. Look over my stock before buying and see how much you can buy with little money.

D. C. YOUNG
SMETHPORT, PA.
December 4, 1905.

FALL AND WINTER STYLES
IN
Suits, Overcoats, Trousers, &c

are now on hand. If you intend having anything done in the tailoring line now is the time to place your order before the rush is on. A trial will convince you that I am here to please you.

G. W. SHILLENN
THE LEADING TAILOR.

GREAT BARGAINS

Saturday morning at 8 o'clock starts a very important clearance sale of women and children's garments. A great variety is included in this sale,—everything in millinery, a good assortment of ladies' and children's coats, furs, ladies skirts, silk petticoats, etc. What few Christmas goods we have left will be closed out at a great sacrifice. Come early while the assortment is good.

MRS. A. E. HINMAN'S

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

My Christmas trade was unusually good and I wish to thank the people of this vicinity for their liberal patronage and wish all a Happy New Year. I have a few toys and useful articles which I will sell at or below cost to make a clean sweep of my holiday stock.

H. C. WELLS

The Lindholm Co.

— Smethport, Pa

WISHES ALL

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

And also wish to thank you for your liberal patronage in the past and ask a continuance of your trade for 1906.

Very Truly,

The Lindholm Co.

CHASE STABLE BLANKETS

are the acme of stable usefulness with all the up-to-date attachments, good materials and warm linings. They are made to fit and will not twist or come off. Easily adjusted, simple in construction. The

CHASE STREET BLANKET

are equally good. We have them in a great many different weights and patterns. Everything that can be done to make CHASE blankets superior to all others has been done.

H. H. REDFIELD.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport, as second-class mail matter.

Smethport, Thursday, Dec. 28, 1905.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—L. K. Hogarth has a new ad to-day.

—Ike Simons of Bradford has a new ad to-day.

—J. Colegrove has an interesting ad in this week's issue.

—Mrs. A. E. Hinman advertises some great bargains this week.

—H. C. Wells has a new and seasonable ad in another column.

—Redfield has something to say about horse blankets in his ad to-day.

—H. W. Rubin extends the greeting of the season in his ad this week.

—New Year's greetings are extended in The Lindholm Co.'s ad to-day.

—Some seasonable bargains are offered by Fry & Comes. Read their ad.

—"Coffee," is the subject of A. E. Foster & Co.'s ad this week. Don't fail to read it.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Foster Studholme of Olean, on Saturday, Dec. 23, 1905, a boy.

—Rev. W. A. Day was kindly remembered by the people of the Baptist church on Christmas Eve.

—Married, by Rev. W. A. Harris, on Dec. 21, 1905, Mr. Jesse Northrup of Olean, N. Y., and Miss Mabel Vaughn of Portville, N. Y.

—At the M. E. church next Sunday morning the topic will be "The Holy Spirit." In the evening the topic will be "The Eternity of God."

—Holmes & Gilfillan have an interesting ad regarding stoves this week.

—The popular "Liveright Make" clothing is advertised by Wm. Monheimer.

—Married, by Rev. W. A. Harris, on Dec. 24, 1905, Mr. Fritz E. Westerlun and Miss Kate Johnson of Mt. Jewett.

—Harry Nightingale died at his home in Bradford on Monday. He was well known by all dog fanciers in the county.

—A young man of Bradford county is serving a sentence in the penitentiary for stealing ten cents from a rural delivery box.

—The dance given by the Young Men's Social Club at the Lyceum Monday evening was fairly well attended and was an enjoyable affair.

—Hunters near Ridgway claim they have seen a silver grey fox in that neighborhood. It is said that the skin of such an animal is worth close to $100.

—Lynn Tice, a 10-year-old boy of Galeton fell from a lumber pile while at play last Tuesday and sustained injuries which resulted in his death within a few hours.

—An old passenger coach on a switch of Kane's railroad, near the East street bridge, caught fire in some unknown manner and was destroyed Tuesday night.

—Mr. Ed. Kraft and Miss Bertha Leighton, both of Norwich township, were united in marriage at the M. E. church in Colegrove by Rev. M. H. Minor, on Monday.

—A freight train wreck on the Shawmut railroad in the vicinity of Clermont made it necessary for passengers on the morning train from St. Marys to transfer at that point. The accident delayed traffic nearly the entire day.

—See "A Royal Slave" at the Lyceum next Wednesday evening. The play gave excellent satisfaction on its previous engagement in this place.

—Edinboro students are trained to self exertion, self control and self reliance. Catalog free. Winter session opens Jan. 2, 1906. John F. Bigler, Prin.

—Mr. Herman Cooper and Miss Lillian Allcock were married Sunday, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allcock of King street, by the Rev. J. H. McCandless.

—A. E. Foster plucked a full-blown dandelion yesterday afternoon from the lawn in front of a King street dwelling. The blossom is now on exhibition at this office. It is a pretty warm town that can grow dandelions at this time of the year.

—New street lights are rapidly being placed in operation and the streets of Smethport have emerged from their former blackness into the best lighted thoroughfares of any town in the county.

—Express Messenger Joseph E. Boyce of Galeton was arrested one day last week on the charge of taking $81.77 from an express package containing $4,000. He furnished $500 bail for his appearance at court.

—By approval of the congregation of the Union church society, Rev. Day of the Baptist church will speak at East Smethport next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, his subject being "The Open Door of 1906."

—The five-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pierce of Water street died on Monday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted from the house at two o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. W. A. Harris and burial was made in Rose Hill cemetery.

—Twenty one couples of Smethport young society people gave an enjoyable dance at the Lyceum last evening. The music was furnished by the Lyceum orchestra and it proved one of the most social events of the season.

—The Pullman lodging house on Congress street, Bradford, owned by A. C. Rose, was damaged by fire to the extent of $3,000 early yesterday morning. It thought to have been caused by a lodger carelessly throwing away a lighted cigar or cigarette stub which ignited inflammable material.

—Miss Julia Tretton, a popular Smethport lady, who has been blind since childhood, is gradually recovering the sight of one eye. Miss Tretton placed herself under the care of a celebrated specialist of Rochester, N. Y., several weeks ago, and two successful operations were performed upon her eyes. Both physician and patient are confident that within a few months her sight will be greatly improved.

—Mrs. Ira Burdick, one of McKean county's oldest and highly esteemed residents, died at the family home in Norwich township at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, several children, including C. A. Burdick of this borough, and many immediate relatives. A more extended obituary will be given next week. The funeral will be held from the family home at 12 o'clock to-morrow.

—Services in the Baptist church as usual next Sunday. At 10:45 the pastor speaks upon the subject: "Some Peculiarities of 1906." Bible school at noon. Junior C. E. at 3 p. m., Y. P. C. E. at 6:30. Evening worship at 7:30, subject, "A New Year's Characteristic." Following are invited to attend all the services: Each member of the church; all Baptists in this borough and vicinity; all who do not attend regularly elsewhere; transient residents in town and strangers who have no regular church home.

—A man who said he was "Harry Tracey, the outlaw," created considerable excitement in a Coudersport hotel, one night recently. In concluding its account of the happening the Enterprise says: "The man, who evidently likes to pose as Tracey, the outlaw who has a terrible criminal record, left the hotel shortly after breakfast and has not since been seen. Some people are wondering if he were really the famous outlaw." As Tracey killed himself several years ago after being wounded by his pursuers it is quite safe to say it "were" not Tracey.

—The Christmas services were well attended at St. Luke's church, the general Communion being at the 8 a. m. service. At the 10:30 service the music was like that of many services in the past in its excellence and beauty. The fine festal service of Tours in F was sung with "Adeste Fideles" and the anthem by Custance, "In the Fields with their Flocks Abiding." The Christmas tree in the parish house, at 4 p. m., was the finest in the history of the Sunday school. The service for the children was held on Christmas Eve, with a choir of 54 voices. Carols were sung, and the Rector talked to the children about the Christ-Child and His Birthday.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in the post office at Smethport for the week ending Dec. 23, 1905:

Albert Barnes Benny, U. H. Kendall, N. D. Rough 2, Williams Crate Co.

Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised." All unclaimed letters are sent to the Dead Letter Office two weeks from date of advertising.

J. C. GALLUP,
Postmaster.

For Sale.

Lot in business part of town, south side of Main street, 48 feet front and 115 deep, with old house, for sale at a reasonable price. Inquire of Mrs. Laura Taylor.

Subscribe for the MINER.

Personal Mention.

E. R. Mayo was a Bradford visitor yesterday.

Miss Hazel McClure of Olean is visiting friends in town.

Miss Ethel Gifford was in Olean this week visiting friends.

Scott F. Redfield is home from New York City for a brief stay.

Chas. E. McCoy is home from Cornell University for the holidays.

Miss Bessie King of Port Allegany is the guess of friends in town.

J. B. Kelley of Newerf was a pleasant caller at this office yesterday.

Sheriff C. E. Mays was transacting business in Bradford Tuesday.

E. R. Mayo and F. D. Gallup had business in Eldred on Tuesday.

Geoffrey Mayo of Cornell college visited his parents in town this week.

Mrs. Blanche McAhon and son of Olean are visiting friends in town.

Charles Masser and sister, Miss Nellie, leave to-day for a visit to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. E. W. Workley and children are passing the holidays with friends in Cuylerville, N. Y.

Chas. H. Brown of Bradford, and B. F. Siarsky of Buffalo were calling on friends in town yesterday.

Paul Green of East Tonawanda is passing the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Merrill of Geneva, N. Y., were the guests of relatives in town over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Mitchell and little son of Parkersburg, W. Va., are the guests of relatives in town.

Kenneth Mayo, a student of Syracuse University, passed the holidays with his parents of West Main street.

Mrs. Hockenberry, nee Miss Gertrude Walker, of Bradford is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Gorton, Jr., of New York passed Christmas with Mr. Gorton's parents on King street.

Roy Stark came over from Bradford Saturday evening and spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stark.

Miss Marie Keesler of Lock Haven Normal school is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents on Willow street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Alexander and child returned home Tuesday from a visit with friends and relatives in Dansville, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grabe of Bradford were Christmas visitors at the home of Mrs. Grabe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hafner.

WANTED—To appoint resident agts. in McKean county to represent our full line of lightning rods. For full particulars address Hunn & Leatherman, 103 Market St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Did you ever have "Foot-ease?" Then try Queen Quality Shoes at Lindholm's.

Mnish Comforts of illuminated cotton. Lindholm's.

LYCEUM THEATRE

ONE NIGHT ONLY

Wednesday, Jan. 6th.

GORDON & BENNETT

Present the Greatest Hit of the Season.

A ROYAL SLAVE

Dramatized from "The Fair God," by Gen. Lew Wallace.

Large Company

Magnificent Scenery

The Company includes Louis Lytton, Frank De Camp, Eunice Murdock, Marie Van Tassel, Beatrice Thorne, Frank De Vernon and twenty others.

Why Suffer?

WARREN, PA.

Phillips Drug Co.

Dear Sir:—I had been afflicted with rheumatism for 15 years and had tried every known remedy, but without any success, until I got a 50c bottle of Crocker's Rheumatic Remedy and only needed half a bottle and have not felt or suffered any pain since. Would not take one hundred dollars for the other half of the bottle if I could not get any more. It will cure. If you are suffering get a bottle at once.

M. L. AMANN,
Merchant Tailor.

For sale at L. K. Hogarth's.

FRY & COMES

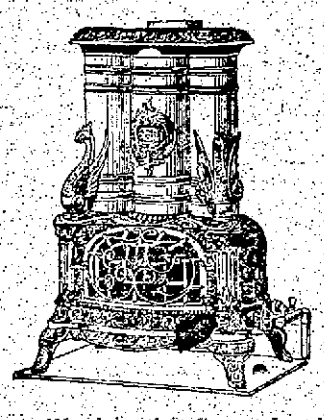
CLEARING SALE HOLIDAY GOODS

1-3 Off REGULAR PRICES This Week.

We have some small lots in several lines of fancy goods on which we will reduce prices by one-third for a quick clearance. There's many an article you'll want for your own use—then, too, there are New Year's gifts to make. Anything in the following lines go at above reductions. It's a clear saving of 33⅓ cents on every dollar's worth.

Toilet and Manicure Sets,
Fancy Boxes, Nut Pick Sets,
Smoking and Shaving Sets,
Tobacco Jars, Pictures, Toys,
Games, Dolls, China, etc.
Ladies' Handkerchiefs from 5Oc to $1.50.

FRY & COMES.



THE STOVE QUESTION

Now that Xmas has come and gone, we wish to call your attention again to the

GARNET JEWEL line of HEATERS

We claim that Garnet Jewel Heaters give the most heat from the least fuel, that they are the best construct, and that they are the longest lived stove made. Will you not call if you are in need of a stove and let us show you the good points; we also have various other kinds of gas heating stoves at prices that will interest you.

HOLMES & GILFILLAN

LUMBER AND HARDWARE, BLACKSMITH AND WAGON SHOP.

We Keep in Stock Everything for a House from Foundation to Chimney Top

SMETHPORT PENN'A.

...PRILL'S...

You get the up-to-date Goods of all Domestic and European markets.

Compare our stock with others and judge for yourself.

7 MAIN STREET PRILL BRADFORD, PA.

Bell Phone 473.

IF YOU LOOKING FOR

GOOD GOODS and HONEST DEALINGS

Don't forget to call on us for GROCERIES and PROVISIONS. Don't forget to get a sack of our SEARCHLIGHT FLOUR.

Try some of Heinz's DILL PICKLES and a bottle of CATSUP and many other things too numerous to mention.

Also agents for LIPTON'S CELEBRATED TEAS and COFFEES. Also fresh BALTIMORE OYSTERS arriving daily. Finest in town.

Hagberg & Sherburne.

McCoy's Drug Store

—HEADQUARTERS FOR—

Globe-Wernicke Book Case

Parker Lucky Curve Fountain Pen.

Her New Year's Eve Surprise

SHE sat with the letter in her hand. It was addressed in her grandfather's handwriting. What could it contain except an affectionate message proposing a reconciliation? She had known the letter would come, though Tom had laughed at her for having such notions.

"Why not look at it in a common sense way?" Tom used to say. "You know that he always detested me, and I don't know that I blame him. I married you against his express orders, and he cast you off."

Nevertheless she had been convinced that he would relent—some day. On New Year's eve her expected and Tom's unexpected had happened.

She went on sitting with the letter in her hand. It was two years—two years and a month since he had renounced

"OH, TOM," SHE SAID, "IT'S A LETTER—FROM HIM!"

her, and, though she had written to him often, she had never received a line until now. What could have induced him to change? She could not remember that she had said anything peculiarly calculated to wring his heart in her last letter and wished she had kept a copy of it that she might consult it now. Could he, her grandfather, have seen Katty in the streets and been struck by her young loveliness and childish innocence? She pictured Katty, lying in her perambulator and being wheeled by nurse along Kensington High street, suddenly confronted by the tall, old man with the big eyebrows and the hard face. Perhaps a tear had sprung to his eye unbidden (as tears do in novels) and he had asked nurse whose child that was that moved him so strangely. Why had not nurse told her?

She half rose to ring for nurse, but sat down again, as it occurred to her after all perhaps it was not Katty who had moved him. Certainly he had always detested babies. Then—how about one of Tom's articles? Suppose he had read one of them and been struck by the rich style and profound insight into literature and life that it betrayed. "Good heavens!" he might have said, "I have been mistaken in this young man after all. This is not, as I supposed and said, rubbishy stuff, but art—genius!" Unfortunately as she reflected almost immediately—nothing would ever have induced the old man to look into any of the magazines for which Tom wrote. He seldom read anything but the financial column in his daily paper and (occasionally) the law reports.

The only possible explanation left was that he had come to desire a reconciliation by natural processes. He had left his years, increasing and looked forward to a lonely old age, contentedly enough in the first transports of his anger, but as the months went by the prospect of living forever solitary became more painful—became at last intolerable. He had felt that he must look once more upon his margot and darest, as she was undoubtedly entitled to consider herself and Katty, if not Tom—and it was to mention this fact that he had written. Probably he would not have confessed it as straightforwardly as that. He would be sure to approach the subject in a roundabout way, not giving in to all appearance, writing in a matter of fact, or even cool way, but yielding all the same. The letter would contain a suggestion that she and perhaps Katty (not Tom at first) should call on him. It might even be that he thought of looking in soon—maybe tomorrow. Why, of course, tomorrow. Tomorrow was New Year's day.

She still sat with the letter in her hand, building castles. He would learn to love Katty as soon as Katty had cut her teeth anyhow. He would in course of time even learn to love Tom. Would he ask them all to live with him in Russell Square? Would Tom accept if he did? It would be safer on the whole not to. It would be decidedly nicer to be allowed five or six hundred a year and a separate residence. Tom and he were not made to appreciate one another. With five hundred a year in addition to what Tom earned (and she almost wished for the moment that Tom was a beggar—it would be so much more romantic) they would have a week end cottage in Surrey and a parlor maid and perhaps—

"What are you thinking about?" said Tom, who entered at that moment.

She quivered with excitement.

"Oh, Tom," she said, "it's a letter—from him!"

"Have you opened it?" asked Tom.

"No."

"Well, I should if I were you. And, my dear——" Tom, who for a literary man was singularly devoid of illustrations for gracious sake, don't expect anything from that old curmudgeon."

"I—I'm sure that"— She did not finish her sentence for indignation. Inside the envelope were all her letters—her fond letters of the past two years—unopened. Scribbled across the top of the uppermost letter were the words: "Useless to waste stamps like this. You never could write well enough to be read in any case." Not another word. She could have killed him. And Tom would only laugh.—R. E. Vernede in Black and White.

She Paid on the Investment.

"Here," complained the aggrieved father, "I have spent nearly $15,000 on that girl's education, and now she goes and marries a $2,500 a year clerk."

"Well," said the friend of the family, "isn't that all of 15 per cent on your investment? What more do you want?"

"Ike" Simons

After Christmas Clothing Needs

A well stocked store—full of the very best Clothing Merchandise is this one—

Maybe some forgotten friend must be remembered and it's not too late to find the things here that men like to wear.

We are ready to exchange for better sizes and more desirable patterns whatever Santa Claus brought that came through this store.

BIG DOUBLE CLOTHING HOUSE

52-54 Main Street,

BRADFORD, PA.

A CAPITAL STOCK

—OF—

SUITS and OVERCOATS

Black unfinished worsted Suits, and Black Irish Frieze O'Coats, silk lined throughout, have merited an immense popularity. We enjoy a big business in these sensible Suits and Overcoats

They can be had at from $12.50 to $15.00

Just ask for the

LIVERIGHT MAKE

Clothing if you want the best.

Wm. Monheimer.

HORSESHOEING.

Having opened a general blacksmith shop in what is known as the Mullin Building, at the corner of Water and Franklin Streets, I am now prepared to attend to the business in my line in a careful and workmanlike manner.

C. J. VANBLAD.

Blankets and Robes

The season for Blankets and Robes is here, and at the store you can always find

Just What You Want,

at prices. Trunks, Telescopes, Suit Cases, Traveling Bags, etc., at popular prices always. All the latest styles in Single and heavy harness.

Wm. Leamler,

Smethport, Pa.

EMIL THAMM

MANUFACTURER OF

Fine Cigars

Wholesale and Retail Dealer

INSURANCE.

Life, Fire and Accident written by

W. F. SPECHT

SMETHPORT, PA.

Good, reliable companies

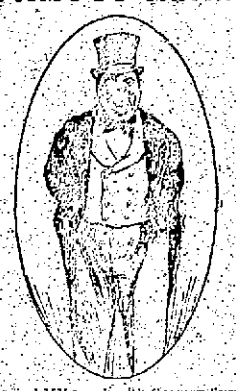
A New Year's Dinner.

Consomme.
Baked Fish with Sauce Piquant.
Roast Duck with Oyster or Celery Sauce.
Currant Jelly. Pickled Peaches.
Grape Fruit.
Boiled Turkey or Roast Pig.
Crab Apple Jelly. Mixed Pickle.
Chopped Cabbage Garnished with Fried Oysters.
Asparagus.
Potatoes. Turnips. Onions.
Celery. Apple Salad. Apple Pie.
Mince Pie. Plum Pudding.
Jelly and Creams. Fruit. Nuts.
Figs. Raisins. Crackers and Cheese.
Coffee.

Carelessness.

The Young Doctor—Just think, six of my patients recovered this week. The Old Doctor—It's your own fault, my boy. You spent too much time at the club.

A FAMOUS REMEDY



"Cured MY cough with German Syrup!" He wrote to Dr. G. G. Green; "All as true as I tell you, doctor dear. I'm feelin' finer than ever I've been!"

The poor consumptive should not be the victim of experiment, as he often is, but the moment the dread disease manifests its presence he should be given Boschee's German Syrup—a pure, non-alcoholic medicine that is made specially for the cure of consumption, and has a world-wide fame as a certain remedy for catarrh, colds, coughs, croup, sore throat and all bronchial affections in old and young. It is sold in all civilized countries, and has been famous as a consumption cure for almost half a century.

Trial bottle, 25c. Big bottle, 75c. At all druggists throughout the world.

For sale by H. C. Wells.

Armstrong's Reliable Jewelry Store

Is, as ever, headquarters for everything in the line of

Standard Jewelry.

If you wish to be ON TIME buy your

Watch or Clock

at this reliable establishment. Prices are right,

Stock is Complete,

Goods are the Best, therefore your patronage is solicited.

M. L. ARMSTRONG,

Main Street, Smethport, Pa

Executor's Notice.

Whereas letters testamentary to the estate of Samuel Barnes, late of Hamlin Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to the subscriber, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the estate of said decedent will make known the same without delay to

JESSIE BARNES, Executrix.

P. O. Address: Hazelhurst, Pa.

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